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MILLIONAIRES OF GERMANY

Growth of Large Private Fortunes in the Fatherland is Comparatively Recent But Rapid.

A German income tax statistician gives interesting particulars of the comparatively recent growth of large private fortunes in the fatherland. Heading the list in Frau Bertha Krupp von Bohlen-Halbach, who was before her marriage Germany's wealthiest heiress. She has to pay on \$46,750,000. Five years ago she was still richer and contributed to the imperial exchequer on the basis of a fortune of \$53,500,000. Next comes Prince Henckel von Donnersmarck, the kaiser's friend and owner of various industrial undertakings who has increased his fortune during the last 15 years from \$12,400,000 to \$44,250,000. The third is the duke of Ujest, of the Hohenlohe family, a bachelor, who has improved himself in the last decade from \$13,500,000 to \$37,750,000. The fourth in order of riches is Baron Goldschmidt-Rothschild of Frankfurt, who owns \$26,750,000. The greatest capitalist of Berlin is Ernest von Mendelssohn-Bartholdy of the banking firm of that name, who possesses \$10,750,000. He, however, comes only seventeenth on the general list. The 16 richest people in Germany do not reside in the capital. The modest town of Kassel has a magnate Karl Henschel, whose wealth amounts to \$11,500,000.

HEEDLESS OF TIME'S FLIGHT

Elderly Colored People of the South Rarely Know How Old They Are.

As every southerner knows, elderly colored people rarely know how old they are, and almost invariably assume an age much greater than belongs to them. At an Atlanta family there is employed an old chap named Joshua Bolton who has been with that family and the previous generation for more years than they can remember. In view, therefore, of his advanced age, it was with surprise that his employer received one day an application for a few days off in order that the old fellow might, as he put it, "go up to de ole state of Virginny" to see his aunt.

"Your aunt must be pretty old," was the employer's comment.

"Yassir," said Joshua, "she's pretty ole now. I reckon she's 'bout a hundred and ten years ole."

"One hundred and ten! But what on earth is she doing up in Virginny?"

"I don't jest know," explained Joshua, "but I understand she's up dere living wif her grandmother."—Harper's Weekly.

LOW INFANT DEATH RATE.

Lady Stout, wife of Sir Robert Stout, chief justice of New Zealand, says that the infant death rate is lower in her country than in any other place in the world except Victoria. According to her statistics 214 babies die before they are one year out of every 1,000 born in Hungary; in Germany, 190; in France, 149; in England and Wales, 174; in Scotland, 125; in New Zealand, 77; in Victoria, 70. Lady Stout also says that before the granting of equal franchise to the women of New Zealand and Victoria the birth rate was very low. For the first few years after the decline continued, then the birth rate took an upward turn, which has continued ever since until now it is higher than that of England and Wales. These are, in Lady Stout's opinion, two strong arguments in favor of equal franchise.

RELICS AT WINDSOR CASTLE.

In the "gold pantry" at Windsor castle is the gold tiger's head taken from Tipu Sahib's throne in 1789. It is life size and the teeth and eyes are of rock crystal. Another relic captured at the same time is the jeweled bird called the uma, shaped like a pigeon, with a peacock tail. The feathers blaze with precious stones and a great emerald hangs from its breast. According to an old Indian legend, whoever owns this bird will rule India.

EXPENSIVE.

"Yes," said the portly passenger with the noisy tie, proudly, "this watch cost me a hundred and fifty dollars."

"Weren't the police able to get your money back?" asked the meek little man in the seat just across the aisle.

JEERER AT WOMAN SILENCED

How an Athletic Girl Stopped the Anti-Suffrage Talk of a Pennsylvania Young Man.

There is a Pennsylvania youth who has been accustomed at all opportunities to sneer at woman's suffrage, remarks the Philadelphia Record. His sisters and girl friends have been forced to sit and fairly gnash their teeth in helpless rage while he jeered and ridiculed the cause. A short time ago one of his sisters had visiting her an acquaintance from out of town. After her arrival the young man began his favorite anti-suffrage line of conversation. The cause had an ardent advocate in the visitor, however, and the discussion waxed warm. "Women are not the equal of men in any activities," asserted the youth. "They are not good at business, athletics or anything that is really worth while. Why, then, should they be allowed to vote?" he argued. It happens that this girl is a tennis player of exceptional ability, and she then and there challenged the youth to a match to prove his assertion. He, being something of a player himself, gladly accepted. The match was duly played. The girl won the first set 6 to 3, the second 6 to 2, while the third resulted in the complete rout of the anti-suffrage cause by a score of 6 to 0. Thereafter, while the athletic young woman remained in the house, the youth never opened his mouth on the subject of suffrage. The guest has departed now and occasionally he reverts to the subject, but without his old conviction, and his sisters can make him take "to the woods" by the mere mention of tennis.

TO INSURE A LONG LIFE

Quit Eating and Drinking, Smoking and Breathe Sterilized Air.

Drink water and get typhoid fever. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get jimjams. Drink soup and get fat. Eat meat and encourage cancer, apoplexy and appendicitis. Eat oysters and absorb typhoid and gastric poison germs. Eat vegetables and give the system Asiatic, thin-blooded weakness. Eat dessert and die with paresis or something else. Smoke cigarettes and die too soon. Drink coffee and fall into insomnia and nervous prostration. Drink tea and get weak heart. Drink wine and so drink gout. Blame it all, if you want to keep well quit eating and drinking, smoking and loving, and before breathing or touching anything see that the air and everything is perfectly sterilized. Some scientific cranks or madmen think every man should so live, while another set of cranks think all modern science is nonsense. There is a scientific moderation in living that almost surely insures long life, no matter what the different kinds of cranks say.—New York Press.

A STRICT CENSOR.

Vienna once possessed the strictest dramatic censor ever known, in the person of Franz Hoegelin, who held that post in the Austrian capital at the beginning of the last century. Hoegelin published a manual for the guidance of censors. "A pair of lovers should never be allowed to appear on the stage alone. They must always be accompanied by a third person of mature years." Marriages out of one's class were also strictly forbidden by Hoegelin on the stage, and he quotes an instance of a play which he refused to pass because the author made the hero, Count Vlademar, marry a gardener's daughter. "Such misalliances have unfortunately been known to occur in real life, but that is no reason why they should be allowed on the stage," he said.—London Chronicle.

ABSENT TREATMENT.

"It seems to me," said young De Borem, "that I have tried every way imaginable to gain your affections, but without any success."

"They say," rejoined the fair maid in the parlor scene, "that 'absence makes the heart grow fonder.' You might try it."

HEARD ON THE TRAIN.

"Mamma, is 'josh' swearin'?"

"No; hush, dear."

"Say, mamma, would it be swearin' if I was to spell it with a 'g'?"

"Tommy, everybody in the car is looking at you! If you don't stop talking I'll spank you."

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